

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. In the pending Office Action, the Examiner has taken the position that the claims are drawn to patentably distinct inventions, as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-10.

Group II: Claims 11-16.

Group III: Claims 17-24

Applicants elect without traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-10). Claims 11-24 are hereby withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation/divisional applications to include the withdrawn claims.

The Examiner has taken the position that claims 7, 8, 9, 12, 22, 23, and 24 are drawn to several, different distinct species. Applicants elect without traverse the species of claim 7. It is noted that claim 1 is generic and claims 8 and 9 are currently withdrawn, but subject to reinclusion with the present application if a generic claim is held allowable.


CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,
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